

No. 954 of 1867.

To

A. C. TREVOR, Esq.,  
T. H. STEWART, Esq.,  
H. SUMMERS, Esq.

*Surat, 18th June 1867.*

SIR,

I have the honour to request that when in the course of your enquiries you find in one house site, or other compact holding, portions of land requiring to be dealt with in different ways under the rules, you will, as far as possible—should the owners agree to the necessary terms—consolidate them into one private property tenure.

2. For this purpose the Summary Settlement cess may be redeemed under Government Resolution No. 1866\* of May 12th, 1864, and the full Government Land Revenue also may be similarly dealt with when it does not exceed eight rupees per annum, under Government Resolution No. 2562 of August 3rd, 1863. Copies of both resolutions are appended. The proceeds should be paid at once into the Huzur Treasury.

3. I need scarcely add that when confirming titles the parties should, if possible, be induced to acquire by purchase from Government, and add to their holdings any open spaces intervening between them and prescribed lines of road, or otherwise conveniently supplementing their property.

T. C. HOPE.

No. 1507 of 1867:

To

A. H. SPRY, Esq.,  
T. H. STEWART, Esq.

*Surat, 13th September 1867.*

SIR,

You have probably observed that applications for "Ruza-chittees," or permissions to build, as contemplated in the Municipal Rules, are not unfrequently made by persons who have either no *bonâ fide* intentions of building, or who wish to obtain a title to land by stealing a march on others who may not be aware of their application.

2. I would therefore suggest the following rules for your general guidance:—

1st.—No ruza-chittee should be given to any one to build on land of which he is not in possession.